

AUSTRALIAN PUNCTURED OFFICIALS.

In response to requests from several collectors, we asked Mr. N. C. Horwood, of Melbourne, if he would compile a list of the above, and he kindly consented to do so. We subsequently submitted the list to other collectors, who have made a few additions. The whole has been edited by ourselves—the notes are mostly Mr. Horwood's—but we do not accept any responsibility for the accuracy of the items, as we have not had the time to verify them, nor was it done under our supervision; but we are confident that the gentlemen who have interested themselves in the preparation of the list are fully qualified to do so.

We trust the publication of it may increase the interest in this department of philately.

Any additions or corrections will be welcomed, and published in due course.

Our firm begs to say that, while we stock a large variety of these stamps, we have not classified them according to either water-marks or perforations, and cannot undertake to supply all those listed, or definite kinds of any of them.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. Crown over N.S.W.

8 holes in each S., ½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., C'wealth; 1/-, 5/-, 1/- O.S. twice.

10 holes in each S., 1d., 2d., 6d., 1/-.

Wmk. Crown over A.

8 holes in each S., 2d., 6d., 9d., C'wealth; 1/-.

PUNCTURED O.S. OVER N.S.W.

Wmk. Crown over N.S.W.

8 holes in each S., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., on 10d., 9d., C'wealth; 10d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, 20/-.

10 holes in each S., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., on 10d., 10d., 1/- and 3d., surcharged twice.

Wmk. Crown over A.

8 holes in each S., 1d., 2d., 4d., 8d., 10d.

PUNCTURED G.S.B.

(Government Savings Bank.)

Present issue, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1/-, 5/-.

PUNCTURED G.R.

(Government Railways.)

Centennial issue, 1d., 2d., 4d.

1891 " ½d., grey.

1897 " 6d., green.

Present issue, 1d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-, 5/-, various water-marks.

The stamps punctured G.S.B. and G.R. are for Departmental use.

QUEENSLAND.

PUNCTURED O.S.

All the punctured stamps, except the 9d., are on paper watermarked Crown over Q., and are perforated 12½.

½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., V. over Crown; 9d., Crown over A.; 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, on thin paper; 5/- and 10/- on thin and thick papers; and 5/- lithographed, and 3d. O.S. twice.

The 2/6, 5/- and 10/- may be found with the letter S. reversed. This variety is caused through the puncturations being made on the back of the stamp. All large stamps can only be punctured one at a time.

Mr. Horwood has the 9d. with both types of Queensland (large and small), on V. over Crown paper.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

PUNCTURED S.A.

Wmk. Crown over S.A.

½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., perf. 13, 5d. perf. 12, 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6 and 5/-, thin postage, perf. 11½, 12; 6d. and 1/-, thick postage, perf. 12.

Wmk. Crown over A., Perf. 12.

1d., 2d., small type; 1/-, thick postage.

There are varieties of the above, but they do not seem to be plentiful. So far, the compilers have only seen the 4d. and 2/6 with letters S.A. twice punctured, and the 3d., 6d., and 1/- thick postage watermark Crown over S.A. with the letters S.A. inverted.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. Crown over S.A., Perf. 12.

1d., 2d. and 5d., small type; 3d., 4d. and 2/6, thin postage; 6d., 9d., 1/- and 5/-, thick postage.

Wmk. Crown over A.

1d. and 2d., small type; 3d., 9d. and 1/- thick postage.

TASMANIA.

PUNCTURED T.

Wmk. TAS., Perf. 14.

Queen's head, ½d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1/- and 2/6. Also 9d., perf. 12½.

Pictorial, 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d. and 6d.

Watermark V. over Crown, Perf. 12½.

Pictorial, ½d., 1d. (vertical and horizontal wmk.), 2d.; Queen's head, 9d. and 1/-.

Wmk. V. over Crown, Perf. 11.

Pictorial, ½d., 1d. (vertical and horizontal wmk.), 2d.

Wmk. Crown over A., Perf. 12½.

Pictorial, 1d. (vert. wmk.), 2d., 3d.

Wmk. Crown over A., Perf. 11.

Pictorial 1d. (vert. wmk.), 2d.

The compilers understand that the 5/- and 10/- punctured T. exist. They are very rarely used for postal purposes, but are available for franking official telegrams.

Many minor varieties of the above puncturations may be found, such as sideways, inverted, vertical stroke, or horizontal stroke of T. missing; but these are not considered of sufficient importance to be included.

TASMANIA—continued.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. TAS., Perf. 14.

Pictorial, 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d.; Queen's head, 8d., 10d., 2/6 and 5/-.

Wmk. V. over Crown, Perf. 12½.

Pictorial, ½d., 1d., 2d.; Queen's head, 9d. and 1/-.

Wmk. V. over Crown, Perf. 11.

Pictorial, 1d. and 2d.

Two sets of the Pictorial series may be made, one with the puncturations reading horizontally, and the other vertically.

VICTORIA.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. V. over Crown, Perf. 12½.

½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-, £2.

Also 1d., perf. 11.

Wmk. Crown over A., Perf. 12½.

½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d. and 1/-.

WEST AUSTRALIA.

PUNCTURED W.A.

Wmk. W. Crown A., Perf. 14.

1d., 2d., 2½d.

Wmk. Crown & C. A., Perf. 14.

½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-.

Wmk. V. over Crown, Perf. 12½.

1d., 2d., 4d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 1½-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and 20/-.

Also 2/- and 5/-, perf. 11.

The compilers have the 2/- and 5/- on V. and Cr. paper, perf. 11, with the puncturation W.A. reading *up*. These are the only values known in this variety.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. Crown & C.A., Perf. 14.

½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1/-.

Wmk. V. over Crown, Perf. 12½.

1d., 2d., 4d., 9d., 9d., 10d., 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, 20/-.

Wmk. Crown over A., Perf. 12½.

1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 9d.

Wmk. Crown over A., Perf. 11.

1d., 2d., 4d., 9d.

Also 6d. latest design, wmk. W. Crown A., perf. 14.

BREVITIES.

"A Philatelic Library, its Uses, and How to Form It," is the title of an article by Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole which appeared recently in *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly*. We make the following extract:

Colonial Magazines—Although philately flourishes exceedingly in most of our colonial possessions, it is remarkable that philatelic publications produced on the spot are few and far between. It is worth noting that, at the present time, no journal devoted to the interests of our hobby is published in the important colony of Canada. Several have started at various times, but have made very short stays in this unfeeling world. As practically all matters of interest are dealt with in the home papers, I have only chosen two colonial magazines for reference here as being worthy of a place in one's library. These are both particularly active, have been published for several years, and at the moment are the only colonial philatelic journals in existence.

"The Philatelic Journal of India."—This is the official organ of the Philatelic Society of India, and the first number was issued in January, 1897. It is one of the largest of modern philatelic periodicals and is altogether a very creditable and welcome journal. Its pages are full of admirable articles, those relating to Indian and Asiatic stamps generally being, naturally, in the majority. It can hold its own with any of the leading English Journals, which is, I think, sufficient commendation of its sterling worth. So far as I know, none of the volumes are difficult to obtain, and they can usually be purchased at from 5s. to 10s. each.

"The Australian Philatelist."—This is the only other colonial journal in existence, and it has had a fairly long life, being now in its thirteenth year. It is essentially a magazine for collectors of